



Moon Trick

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IT COULD.

HEAL... BUT I WONDER IF YUZURUHA'S POWER COULD HEAL A STORM.



NO NEED TO WORRY, RIGHT? YUZURUHA IS WITH THEM.

THE WINDS REALLY PICKED UP.

I WONDER IF EVERYONE WILL BE OK GETTING BACK.

16. GUIDED BY A SMALL HAND



IT'S BECAUSE MR. SHIRO CONSIDERS THE SAFETY OF APOC MEMBERS ABOVE ALL ELSE.



SO THEY'RE LEAVING EARLY, THAT'S GREAT.

I JUST HEARD FROM MR. TSUGE, SO I'M HEADED OUT TO PICK THEM UP.





YOU
WANT BE
YUZURUHA'S
ATTENDANT
FULL-TIME,
DON'T YOU?

...TO BE
HONEST,
MR. TSUGE
IS THE MORE
DEPENDABLE
ONE.



HOOOOLAH,
YOU SEEM
HAPPY.

OH?



CAN I
COME
TOO?



HE
WAS
THE
ONE
WHO
FOUND
ME.



HOW
OLD WAS
YUZURUHA
WHEN YOU
MET HIM?



MR.
SUGI
WAS
AROUND
10.



RIGHT NOW,
I'M HAPPY
THAT I CAN
HELP OUT
EVERYONE AT
TSUKISHIRO



EVERYONE
AT SCHOOL
AND AROUND
THE NEIGH-
BORHOOD
FEARED ME.

I WAS
BIGGER THAN
THE KIDS MY
AGE, AND MY
FACE WAS
JUST AS
SCARY AS IT
IS NOW.

I WAS
RAISED
IN AN
ORPHAN-
AGE SINCE
BIRTH.



EVEN THOUGH I
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING,
PEOPLE WOULD BE
SUSPICIOUS OF ME,
AND THOSE GUYS
WOULD OFTEN STICK
UP FOR ME.

ONLY THE
NORM MOTHER
AND THE OTHER
KIDS LIVING
THERE WERE
DIFFERENT.



The
teacher's
OFFICE IS
THERE. IT
NEEDS TO
BE.

Teacher's
Office

KNOWING
SOMETHING,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO.

I TOOK A JOB,
AND BOUGHT
THEM THINGS.

SO I
WANTED
TO HELP
THEM.



There
were
books
from the
library
everywhere.

What?
No
nothing
but that!

There's a rumor
that you want
to relocate school
over some
violent incident.

I EVEN GOT
DRAGGED INTO
TROUBLE AT
WORK.



BUT THEN A
CONTRACTOR WHO
RESENTED ME
ACCUSED ME OF
A CRIME, AND
THE POLICE
CAME...

I WORKED
HARD, AND
I THOUGHT
MY BOSS
HAD COME
TO TRUST
ME... DESPITE
THAT,



OH, BUT I
WAS CLEARED
RIGHT AWAY
AND WAS
RELEASED
AFTER TWO
DAYS.



BUT
SOMETHING
FAR WORSE
THAN THAT
WAS WAITING
FOR ME

SO MY BOSS
DOUBTED ME,
EVEN THOUGH
I THOUGHT
HE'D COME TO
TRUST ME.





I COULDN'T
SAVE THEM.
EVEN WITH ALL MY
STRENGTH...!



EVEN AFTER
YOU LEAVE
HERE, DON'T
EVER FORGET
THAT, KAGETSU!



YOU'RE A
STRONG GUY,
BUT IT'S YOUR
KIND NATURE
THAT'S YOUR
GREATEST
STRENGTH.





SHUT UP,
IT'S NONE
OF YOUR
BUSINESS
...!

Hey!



LET GO
OF THAT
BOY.

WHAT'S
BROKEN?
ARE YOU
SICK...?



Splash



TSUGE, I
FOUND HIM.

EVEN IF I
TELL THEM
WHAT REALLY
HAPPENED...

LOVE...
IT'S
HAPPENING
AGAIN.



TSUGE.

PUT
HER DOWN
GENTLY
AND STEP
AWAY.



MY
BODYGUARD.

HUH?



THIS HAND
IS THE HAND
OF A PRO-TECTOR.
COME
STAY
WITH
ME.



YUTSUKI
REALLY IS
SOMETHING...
TO THINK HE
UNDERSTOOD
YOU RIGHT
AFTER MEETING
YOU, HODGKIN.

...MAYBE



WE'RE
HERE.

WE

ONE

THREE

THREE



TO
PROTECT
HIM.

RIGHT
THEN, I
DECIDED
THAT I
WANTED



AND
NO.



THAT'S WHY,
FOR BOTH OF
YOU, YOUR
STRENGTH IS
CAPTIVATING.

YOU TWO
ARE THE
SAME RACE,
AND THERE'S
SOMETHING
SIMILAR
ABOUT YOU.



MR. TOLNA, I
THINK THAT IF YOU
HAD MET ME BACK
THEN, MAYBE YOU'D
HAVE SAID SOME-
THING SIMILAR.



They're
here



STRENGTH
HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH
IT. BUT
EVERYONE IS

IT'S
ABOUT THE
FEELING OF
THE MOMENT

I HAD
REMEMBER
OF THAT
EVERY DAY
SOIL



YOU CAME
TO GET US?

TOUYA!



THE STUFF
CAN'T LEAVE
UNTIL THE
BOSS
DOES—

OH

Whoosh

Whoosh



Yeah?



THANKS



FOR
NOTHING

THANKS

TO
YOU TOO,
YUUKIWA



AFTER TALKING
TO WOOZUM,
I'VE BEEN
WHISPERING
ABOUT PAIGE.



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
TELL ME
ABOUT IT.

I'M JUST
CURIOUS.

It's my tiger!



WHY
DO YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
THAT?

Paige & Karon



MUCH
HAPPENED
BEFORE
WE MET...

MR. SHIN
WAS AROUND
FOUR YEARS
OLD.







ONE DAY, I
WAS WANDER-
ING AROUND A
FOREST,



SINCE I CAN
GET BY WITH
JUST MAPS, I
WOULD ALSO
THINK
WITHOUT KEEP-
ING A HOME.

I NEVER MET
ANYONE ELSE
OF MY KIND,
AND I HESITATED
FOR HAVING TO
CHANGE WHERE
I LIVED PERI-
ODICALLY.

MY BODY
DOESN'T
AGE...



YEAH...

THESE
CLOTHES
ARE ABOUT
FIVE FOR
A TOP. I
GUESS



AND I
GAVE UP ON
MOVING.



NOT
ONCE

WHO GAVE
ME HOPE
FOR EVEN
A FRAG-
MENT OF

NOT
ANYONE

I HAD NEVER
ONCE MET
ANYONE WHO
FELT LIKE THE
BEST AND
"SOMETHING"
I AM



NOT

AND
RETURN
TO THE
EARTH

I AM 99
IT MIGHT
BE NICE

TO GET
A CHANCE
TO MEET
NATURE

SOMEONE
WHO WOULD
TELL ME
THAT I DID
EXIST

SOMEONE
LIKE ME...

THERE'S
NO PROOF
THAT I
LIVED

I NEVER
ONCE
FELT LIKE
I WAS
ALIVE.

I
JUST

WANTED
TO MEET
SOMEONE



I'M NOT
SURE HOW
MUCH TIME
PASSED

MY MIND
STAYED
SHARP.

EVER THOUGH
MY ARMS AND
LEGS WENT
NUMB,

Find

SHALL
LIGHT
FOOT
STEPS

Turn

Go

IS A
PERSON

NO, THIS

A DEER
?

Rabbit

Rabbit

Snake

A CHILD?







WAS THAT

A HALUCINATION AS MY TIME DRAWS CLOSE?

I MIGHT HAVE FINALLY MET SOMEONE.

EVEN THOUGH

I MIGHT HAVE FINALLY MET SOMEONE.

EVEN THOUGH

HOW I'M
HAPPY, DATING
5 PEOPLE















I WISH I
COULD TRACK
DOWN OTHERS
LIKE US THE
SAME WAY
YOU CAN,
YUUKA...



THE
WIND
REALLY
PICKED
UP



THE ONLY ONE WHO
CAN SMILE
THEIR WAY
WITH SUCH A
SMILE...

ARE
GATHERED
HERE WITH
THE REST
OF US,

WHEN THE
TIME COMES
THAT ALL THE
OTHERS OF
OUR KIND WE
HAVEN'T
FOUND YET



DON'T
WORRY
OVER IT,
TOKA.





FOR
ME, IT'S
SOMETHING
I CAN'T
SAY
ENOUGH.

THANK
YOU,
TOUYA.

OF
COURSE!

THEN
SINCE I
HAVE TO
WORK
NOW, WILL
YOU STAY
WITH ME?



AND
HOW BEING
ALLOWED
TO STAY
WITH TOUYA
AND THE
REST...



MEETING
MR. SHIRO
AND THE
OTHERS WHO
BELIEVED IN
ME.

I'M
HAPPY.



Thanks so much for reading this far! ♪

"The Truth Is..." Looking back on it, when I was a child, small things seemed really serious and it was hard to be decisive. Haruma was like that, too. As a child, the thing Haruma couldn't tell Touya was a big deal indeed. About Shiki's true identity, that will come later.

"What Was Decided Long Ago" Ren and I have a lot in common. We don't like exercise, we love coffee, and we're less reliable than our own nieces and nephews. Really, I do love drawing little Touya ♪

"What I Can Do For You" Another mysterious creature... more on this later, as well. This time Touya was a puppy. Real puppies are so cute ♪ Having Bata cure him got a little messy, but I loved drawing the Yuzuriha father-son team. ♪

"Guided by a Small Hand" I thought up these two stories some time ago. I want to draw more about young Shiki and Tuge. It was kind of cathartic to draw about Hasezaki. ♪

This time Touya's a snow leopard ♪ Like Tuge, I like touching fluffy things. ♪

Until next time!







LET'S
MAKE IT
TOGETHER!

OK, I'LL TRY
MAKING ONE
WITHOUT A
CAGE.



MAYBE
HE CAME
BECAUSE
IT GOT
COLD.

LET'S
GET A
BED FOR
HIM.

HOW
ABOUT I
BUY A
CAGE?



WOW, YOU
STOPPED
THEM ALL.

WELL,
I KIND OF
JUST MOVED
INSTINCTIVELY.

CLANG



OK.





I'M NOT
STRONG WITH
MY POWER.



TACHIBANA,
YOU SHOULD
GIVE YOUR
POWER FOR
MORE SERIOUS
MATTERS.



WAIT, DOESN'T
YOUR ANGLE
HURT TOO?

IS PA
IS UP



Ah!



IT'S LIKE
I'VE GOT
TOO MUCH
OF IT.

THIS
POWER
IS FROM
EVERYONE
HERE AND
THIS
FOREST.









TO HEAR
IT SAID SO
HONESTLY...
IT REALLY
TOUCHES
ME.

IT JUST
MADE ME
SO HAPPY
TO HEAR
THAT SHE
LOVED IT.



LOTS
OF GOOD
THINGS HAVE
HAPPENED
TO ME TOO,
HARUNA!

SINCE
YOU
CAME,



I'M SURE
THERE WILL
BE EVEN
MORE GOOD
THINGS FOR
YOU HERE
NOW.

HARUNA,
FOR EVERY
HARDSHIP
YOU'VE
HAD IN
YOUR LIFE
SO FAR,





WE JUST
CONSIDER
HOW YOU
SPEAK TO
BE PART
OF YOU,
AAA.



YEAH...
BUT I STILL
WORRY ABOUT
HOW I SPEAK
WHEN I'M
ELSEWHERE.

HERE I
CAN TALK
ALL I
WANT.



YOU'RE
CHITTING
WITHOUT
HESITATION
NOW.

IT'S
GREAT,
AAA.



YEAH.

YEAH, NOW A
POSSIBLE
SCENARIO
OCCURS
THAT I CAN
CUT

YEAH, WE'LL
BE HOME IN
ANOTHER 5
MINUTES OR
SO, TOMOR.





I DON'T
THINK
I LOOK
ALL
THAT
GLAM.

SEEING TONYA
IS A GOOD THING,
SO PLEASE DON'T
LOOK SO GLAM IN
FRONT OF HIM.

SO
HE WON'T
CHANGE-
MIND TODAY.

THE
CONCEPT
WAS GOOD.



NOT
DISCUSS
THAT IN
FRONT OF
TONY?

I
WOULDN'T.

WOULD
YOU
PLEASE

OR
SOMETHING
MYTHICAL --
LIKE A
DRAGON OR
UNICORN.

OH,
BUT HOW
ABOUT A
DINOSAUR?

NEXT...
MAYBE A
SHEEP, OR
LION, OR
WALLABY...
ANY OF
THOSE WOULD
BE CUTE.





I LIKE WAITING
OUTSIDE WHEN
SOMEONE'S
HEADED HOME!



EVER
SINCE
YOU
CALLED.

HAVE YOU
BEEN WAITING
FOR US A
LONG TIME?

WELCOME
HOME!

"You
worked
over
again."



THANK
YOU.



WELCOME
HOME,
YUTURINA.



WE'RE
GOOD. THREE. THE
THIRD OF US
WILL FIT.



TOUYA,
YOU'LL
GET IT.

I DIDN'T
THINK
AND ONLY
BROUGHT
TWO.

HERE.

TOUYA

TOUYA



THANKS,
TOUYA.

I'M
HOME.

What's
for dinner
tonight?

None.

TOUYA
SMILES AT
EVERYONE.